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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

The amendment filed on November 20, 2003 amending claim 1, subsequently, presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Claim 1 is not readable on the elected invention because the elected species of Group E, as shown in fig. 6, does not show “each piece of the poly-V belt has *more* than 2 and less than six of said projections” or “the projections directly face each other to allow confronting side surfaces of adjacent pieces to come into contact with each other.”

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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*Conclusion*


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley J Van Pelt whose telephone number is 703.305.8176.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:00-4:30, 2nd F 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Bucci can be reached on 703.308.3668. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703.872.9326.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703.308.2168.

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